

## Capital Asset Management System – Military Equipment (CAMS-ME)

### *Overview*

As one of its initiatives to support the President's Management Agenda the Department of Defense (DoD) is developing a capability to value and account for military equipment to improve financial management and support management decision making. DoD is incrementally implementing the Capital Asset Management System – Military Equipment (CAMS-ME) as an enterprise-wide information technology (IT) solution to provide the fixed asset accounting functionality necessary to value, capitalize and depreciate military equipment.

The long-term solution for military equipment valuation and accountability will be facilitated through integration of the CAMS-ME functionality into the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems of each military department.

CAMS-ME is the information technology system designed to maintain and update military equipment valuation data. CAMS-ME is a (DoD) enterprise system that is built upon the Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) SAP R3 ERP software product. CAMS-ME is compatible with the Business Enterprise Architecture (BEA) and supports the DoD Enterprise Transition Plan (ETP).

CAMS-ME is using a spiral development model consisting of two increments. Increment 1, deployed fourth quarter Fiscal Year 2006, provides a complete capability to value military equipment programs and report these numbers on a quarterly and annual basis. Increment 2 will provide more accurate costs and better identification of assets by moving from program-based valuations to contract-based valuations and focusing on full cost recognition, improved asset identification and management and automation.

### *Program Mission*

The Capital Asset Management System-Military Equipment (CAMS-ME) is a DoD Enterprise system that ultimately will enable the Department to account for and report all material costs incurred to acquire and bring each item of military equipment to a form and location suitable for its intended use, in accordance with revised federal accounting standards.

### *Benefits*

When integrated with greater *physical* accountability, *fiscal* accountability for military equipment facilitated by CAMS-ME will give DoD decision makers more reliable and accurate information. This information includes more consistent determination of total acquisition costs; provides comparable information over time and between programs; and allows better investment planning for replacement equipment. This initiative will also reinforce public trust and confidence in the ability of the Department to defend the nation and use taxpayer money wisely.

### **Fast Facts:**

#### *CAMS-ME*

CAMS-ME is a system under the purview of the Business Transformation Agency's Defense Business Systems Acquisition Executive (DBSAE) directorate. The DBSAE directorate is responsible for driving the successful implementation of DoD systems and initiatives in support of the Department's Business Transformation goals. Its mission is to develop, coordinate, and integrate projects, programs, systems and initiatives providing DoD Enterprise-wide business capabilities to better support the warfighter.

#### *Web site Address:*

[http://www.acq.osd.mil/me/CAMS\\_main.html](http://www.acq.osd.mil/me/CAMS_main.html)

#### *Stakeholders Served:*

CAMS-ME is used by the DoD Enterprise-wide.